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generous kindness in writing me  
concerning my book!

No, I couldn't very well let Per Haura  
live and get a true picture. The fact  
is, that many people lost their  
lives in the awful winter of 1880—  
81. That historic fact I cannot change.

And it does happen that even  
good people have to die. It is too bad,  
of course, but there is nothing to do  
about it!

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